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If net neutrality is overturned by the FCC, users may find themselves paying premium fees to access different online services, such as Netflix, Hulu or even Facebook.

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A vote by the FCC may make the internet unaffordable

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The U.S. Federal Communications Commission (FCC) will be voting to repeal Title II of the Telecommunications Act of 1934, which implements net neutrality. Net neutrality is the principle that Internet service providers (ISPs) must treat all Internet data the same, regardless of its source. This ensures a level playing field and gives equal access to in-

formation. Ajit Pai was appointed by President Donald Trump to head the FCC as chairman in January 2017. In May 2017, the FCC began working to return the Internet to being lightly regulated. The five-member FCC will vote Dec. 14. FCC has a Republican majority, including Pai, and is expected to pass. Northwest Television/Video Engineer Will Murphy claims deregulating the Internet will

create an unequal playing field, enabling broadband companies to decide what content gets to users faster. According to Murphy, Portugal is an example of what could happen to Internet in the United States. Portugal has deregulated their Internet, causing service providers to up-charge customers for access to certain websites. “Right now, you look at students who have access to Netflix and Hulu,” Murphy said. “If that content provider was some-

body say Google, who owns their own service in YouTube, if (Google) were to slow down access to Netflix and Hulu and either charge you more to get to (Netflix and Hulu) or throttle (Netflix and Hulu) so you could only really use (Google’s) service... And/or you are now paying sometimes just as much or more to get to the content that you were able to access freely before.” In a statement from the FCC, Pai said before Title II the Internet thrived under light-touch reg-

ulation allowing the private sector to invest \$1.5 trillion building communications network. He also said Title II was a mistake, establishing heavy-handed regulations that caused a depression in investment in building and expanding broadband networks. Murphy, as a content creator and a person who teaches content creators, said this is a terrifying thought.

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With the construction phase complete, the Maryville Board Game Cafe opened to the public with a soft opening last weekend.

Let the board games begin

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With the construction phase finally complete, the Maryville Board Game Cafe opened to the public last weekend. The opening of the Maryville Board Game Cafe comes after the final stretch of construction that owner Scott Copeland describes as tedious. “Getting contractors scheduled and working around their schedule can be really difficult,” Copeland said. “We were really lucky and we found some awesome people that were willing to hop in here and work us into their schedule.” The decision to have a soft opening was so that his newly-hired employees are able to train. “We wanted to get our employees acclimated to our procedures,” Copeland said. Last weekend, Nov. 24-26,

was an ideal time for Copeland. “We purposely chose last weekend because we knew the college students would be gone. Plus with the Spoofohounds having their championship game in Columbia over the weekend, we knew it would be a really slow weekend, so it would be ideal for a soft opening,” Copeland said. Even with the slow weekend, the opening was exciting to Copeland and his employees. Shortly after opening, people started to come in. “My game gurus were over at the counter doing drumrolls and we went over and flipped (on) the open sign, and you know, we did not have anyone waiting at the door to come in, but it was probably about fifteen minutes (until) the first people came in,” Copeland said. Finally being able to open to the public was a big relief to Copeland.

This has been a couple years in the making,” Copeland said. To finally get to that point where I could turn on the open sign was just a relief.” While unsure about the final numbers, Copeland estimates that there were more than 100 people that visited, and a peak of 30 people at one time. Overall Copeland was satisfied with last week’s soft opening. “To be honest, things ran really smoothly, I was really pleased with how things went,” Copeland said. Copeland found one of the biggest successes of the week was the sale of Jones Soda. “We are the only place in town that carries Jones Sodas,” Copeland said. “We had one guy, who was a student, who left and came back to grab a couple bottles to have for later.”

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Bugs shutter Colden Hall

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The University has placed Colden Hall on a temporary quarantine after bedbugs were discovered in classrooms. According to a Northwest press release sent to students Nov. 29, the bugs were only found in a few Colden classrooms. “Northwest became aware Tuesday of the remnants of bed bugs inside some Colden Hall classrooms, and the University

began working with a pest control service to inspect the building and treat the affected rooms,” according to the press release. Day classes in Colden were canceled, but the release said faculty could seek alternative teaching methods. The building was closed Nov. 29 and will not reopen until Monday morning. Wednesday and Thursday evening classes were relocated to other university buildings.

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New business cooks fit meals

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A new small business opened in Maryville with hopes to provide healthy food options and supplements for community members. Fit Republic Lean Kitchen Company is a combination of businesses owned by Austin Evans. According to the website Austin Evans Fitness, the Fit Republic side of the store will help educate people on the importance of diet while also offering supplements. The Lean Kitchen side will offer fresh-cooked, healthy meals at inexpensive prices. The business had a soft opening on Small Business Saturday, Nov. 25 and will have a grand opening in January. According to Evans, the main goal of the business is to bring healthier options to the community while also providing guidance on how to reach your health goals. “I started Fit Republic in St. Joe in 2016 and it is a way to simplify and educate people on how to get healthy,” Evans said. “So, we offer supplements and we offer

free meal planning and nutritional guidance. We are different than other supplement stores because we actually educate people and educate them on why they take supplements.” The kitchen aspect continues the goal of providing healthier options by offer freshly made meals. “Six months later, I opened the Lean Kitchen in St. Joe and Lean Kitchen offers fresh prep healthy meals that are never frozen and all made from scratch with no added preservatives or added sugars,” Evans said. Sophomore Kaitlyn Ruoff is excited to have a Fit Republic Lean Kitchen in Maryville after going to the one in St. Joe for years and believes the new business will be beneficial. “I knew about the one in St. Joe because I am from Savannah, and I had been going to the Fit Republic there for a couple years since they opened and the one in Maryville,” Ruoff said. She said the store’s focus was on healthy living. SEE **FULL STORY ONLINE AT NWMISSOURINEWS.COM**

Steppers receive money to fund nationals trip

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Student Senate appropriated money to two different campus organizations Nov. 28.

The Bearcat Steppers received \$2,000 for bus transportation to and from the airport for the Collegiate UDA College Nationals dance competition.

“Student Senate is one of the only organizations that has donated to the Steppers,” senior Steeper Marissa Jarnagin said. “We were blessed enough to have them donate last year and have the opportunity to come back and have them donate this year.”

The dance competition will be in Orlando, Florida Jan. 10. The total cost of the trip is \$17,373, which includes airfare, hotel rooms, transportation, choreography and costumes.

The Steppers have been able to fundraise the rest of the trip through multiple fundraisers; Keep Collective, Pizza Ranch, Kool Kats, Red Wheel, selling Trash Bags, each member was required to raise \$500 through personal sponsor donation letters, t-shirt sales and the annual Kiddie Clinic.

According to Jaragin, the Steppers are hoping to place in the top three at nationals this year.

“I’m hoping to come home with a medal and really get a new name for the Steppers,” Jarnagin said. “I think sometimes we’re kind of hidden under the table. I’m really hoping that this year we have an impact and we’re able to have success in those ways.”



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Senior Marissa Jarnagin represented the Bearcat Steppers during the Student Senate meeting Nov. 28 in the Student Union Ballroom and will be attending the Collegiate UDA College Nationals dance competition Jan. 10 with the rest of the Bearcat Steppers.

According to sophomore class representative Asma Hassan, the Steppers give so much to Northwest and Student Senate is glad to help them.

“It’s important that we always support underrepresented groups and fill in the financial aspects from senate, especially from the organizational affairs committee making things as equitable as possible,” Hassan said.

St. Jude Up Til Dawn Event received \$837 from Student Senate to help pay for the cost of the “Big Event” they will hosting next semester.

This event serves as a celebration for all of the fundraising work each participant put in. To attend this event, participants are required to raise \$100 individually or \$600 as a team.

Up Til Dawn logistics chair

Seth DeWald said he always willing to lend a helping hand when needed. DeWald’s family has been affected by cancer, pushing him to participate in this event.

“No child or family should have to deal with such catastrophic news that his or her child has been diagnosed with cancer,” DeWald said. “That is where St. Jude as an organization strives to help by being a non-profit organization

to ensure no patient or family has a bill for travel, treatment, housing, or even food.”

This is the first charitable donation for Student Senate. The “Big Event” will be Jan. 27 in Bearcat Arena.

The next Student Senate meeting is Dec. 5 in the Student Union Ballroom.

Member of Lettuce Dream appointed as the 2017 Grinch

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Rod Coutts with Lettuce Dream LLC has been announced as the 2017 Grinch Grand Marshal for the annual Maryville Christmas parade.

According to Executive Director of the Greater Maryville Cham-

ber of Commerce Lily White, the Grinch is a traditional and integral part of the parade.

“The Grinch will lead the parade and everyone in it down Main Street to Franklin Park,” White said. “The Grinch is chosen by whoever raises the most money for their nonprofit.”

This parade will be the third

annual Christmas parade for Maryville.

The Christmas Parade to Winter Wonderland starts at 6:30 p.m., Friday, Dec. 1, at Second and Main streets.

From there, it will follow a route north on Main Street to Franklin Park, located between the seventh and eighth block of Main



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Street. The parade will end at the Winter Wonderland at Franklin Park where Santa Claus will be waiting for parade goers.

According to White the Grinch has always been a representative of a local nonprofit who wins all money raised during the voting for their nonprofit.

“The Grinch is always a member of one of Maryville’s local nonprofits who has been doing a lot of philanthropy work for the nonprofit,” White said. “They are then nominated and voting booths are set up all around town and basically how it works it one dollar equals one vote and whoever has

the most money in their box at the end of the voting period wins. Then all of the money raised from the voting goes to the grinch’s nonprofit.”

According to a press released by the Chamber of Commerce, a donation will be made out to Lettuce Dream LLC.

“Lettuce Dream will receive over \$1,300,” the press release said. “(The) Final Count is being double checked, and will be announced at the time which the Chamber presents the check.”

Quotes from the Grinch himself will be available in the online publication of this story.



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 The Calvary Chapel Maryville collected shoeboxes filled with gifts for Operation Christmas Child. These boxes are sent to children in developing countries so they will have gifts for Christmas.

Shoeboxes become containers of love

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The Calvary Chapel Maryville worked hard with the Maryville community to collect shoeboxes filled with toys and other items for Operation Christmas Child.

Operation Christmas Child is an annual charity event run by Samaritan’s Purse, a humanitarian organization.

Each year, people are asked to fill up a shoebox with various gifts, such as school supplies, toys, hygiene products and other items. The boxes are then sent to children in developing countries and generally impoverished areas.

According to Samaritan’s

Purse website, the organization’s main goal is to make sure no child goes without on Christmas.

“Our mission is to provide local partners around the world with shoeboxes filled with small toys, hygiene items, and school supplies as a means of reaching out to children in their own communities with the Good News of Jesus Christ,” the website said. “We ship these simple gifts outside the United States to children affected by war, poverty, natural disaster, famine, and disease; and to children living on Native American reservations in the U.S.”

Calvary Chapel’s pastor JC Dirks said the projected started as just a few individuals wrapping

and donating shoeboxes full of items meant for kids in need.

“The way it started was people would take any shoeboxes they had in their house and they would decorate and wrap it like a Christmas present and fill it with toys, hygiene supplies, school supplies for kids who wouldn’t be receiving a Christmas gift that year,” Dirks said.

He said the operation has expanded since its early days.

“Now it has morphed into the same principle but now they provide us with the shoe boxes,” Dirks said. “So it is still just a cardboard or plastic shoebox, and they come predecorated, and you fill it with whatever you want and then we

collect them here at our church.”

For Dirks, Operation Christmas Child is not only about helping children in need but also fulfilling his duty to God in a very real, physical way.

“There are all different ways that churches (and) Christians can fulfill what they believe God wants them to do and they show that through worship on Sundays and Wednesdays, through prayer and all these things Christians do,” Dirks said. “But this is a way we can physically show people the love of Christ. We can show them in a physical gift, something tangible, that God loves them and so that’s why I think it is important. We can actually be the hands

and feet of Christ. We can pray for people, we can tell them about Jesus I mean we can do all of these things but it is really special when get something physical that we can represent or show them the love of God.”

Last year Calvary Chapel collected around 750 shoeboxes. This year Calvary Chapel received 684 shoe boxes at its dropped off location, Dirks said.

The St. Joseph region, including Calvary Chapel and Maryville, collected 9,132 shoe boxes. Collection ended Nov. 20, and the boxes are being shipped to a processing center in North Carolina, where they will then be shipped to their respective children.

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Free internet requires net neutrality

Many of us take the Internet for granted. It is a place used to open communications, exchange ideas and share the latest meme. However, this could all change come Dec. 14.

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) wants to pass a plan which would overturn net neutrality.

Net neutrality is simply the idea that all media and media content should be treated the same. This means internet providers cannot discriminate or charge extra based off user, platform, website and so on.

If the FCC overturns net neutrality it would allow for internet providers to charge customers differently based on their internet usage or even block content from competitors.

This is a disservice to internet users across the country. Not only would this make it more expensive to post funny cat videos, but borders dangerously on infringement of the First Amendment.

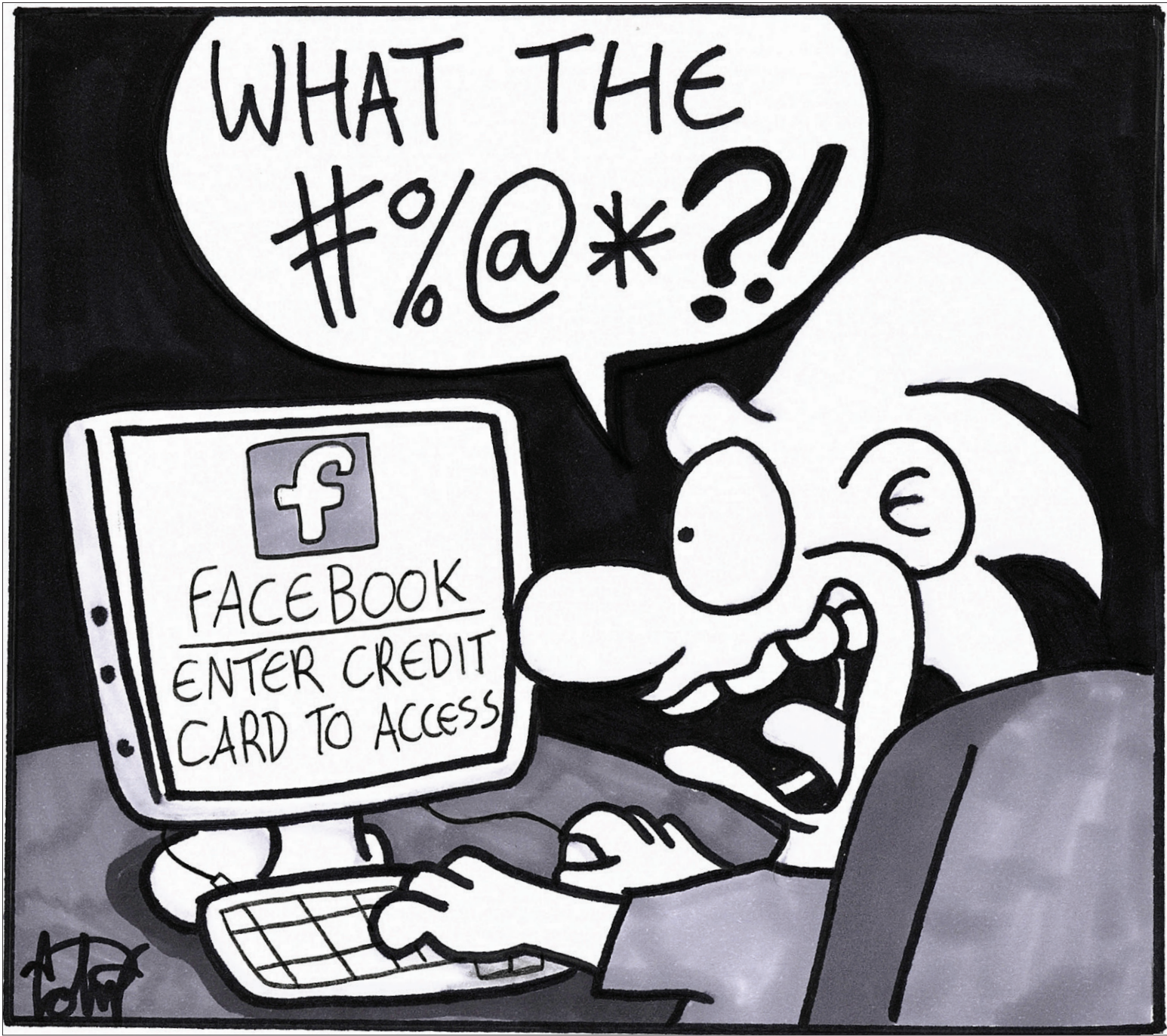
Broadband services can decide what users can see and what services they can access. This can open doors for censorship, something all people should be wary of.

In a world of political polarization this can begin the slippery slope of political censorship which violates the First Amendment since the internet is a place to peaceably assemble, much like a rally in real life.

It also poses an information gap among different classes. The wealthy could afford to unlock all of the internet. The middle and lower classes, however? Not so much. It's like a smaller version of the digital divide we see among different countries.

The wealthier countries, such as the United States, with readily accessible internet outperform the countries without it, such as Ethiopia. This would disrupt the economy as many people wouldn't be qualified for jobs. It would also cause poorer websites and internet companies to go under, wiping out even more jobs.

It would also impact college life. The internet and computer access has become an important sta-



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ple in a college student's life. From using Northwest Online to turn in assignments to Google Drive to write essays, many students rely on the internet to be productive in their daily lives.

Even student programs such as 106.7 KZLX or KNWT Channel 8 could be affected. Not only do we use this for homework, but it would also affect Netflix bing-

es as people procrastinate on said homework.

You already pay for Netflix, but what if you had to pay \$10 more a month? Imagine having to pay \$5 to use Google or YouTube. It would be another \$5 for news sources such as BBC or The New York Times. It could become an unfortunate reality.

It could also affect the cost of

college. As places of learning it would be logical to assume they would pay the extra money for students to access the World Wide Web.

Where would this money come from? Like most schools, it'd be part of tuition, and could be the deciding factor for students debating on attending college.

These are just a few reasons to

keep the internet free. Even if the only reason someone uses the internet is to google memes of koala bears, we shouldn't have to pay extra to do so.

No matter your political leanings, one thing we can agree on: no person or company should control our internet content or access. We can't stay neutral on the topic of net neutrality.

Graphic media content leading to desensitization



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With technology today, we are constantly in the midst of others' lives.

Social medias video sharing and live video streaming opportunities have allowed the world first-hand viewing of life events of friends, but there is a dark side to this oversharing.

Tragic and horrific scenes are abundant on social media sites like

Facebook, Instagram and YouTube.

As I scroll through my social media timeline, I am bombarded with graphic, violent content warnings with blacked out screens.

And of course curiosity has always killed the cat. We've all clicked, 'view this content' and immediately regretted it, or maybe some have been fascinated by the sight on the other side of that black screened warning.

And while these warnings are in place, these gruesome images have the most views and the most shares. As if the images feed to some dark corner of our minds that need to be satisfied. I've come

to the realization that our society has a silent and sickening craving for watching the deaths of others.

Why is it so easy for us to view the live, grisly injuries, mass deaths and suicides of others? We have become so desensitized to bloody violence that our compassion has all but flown out the window.

No one thinks about the person who is shown in the video. No one thinks of the family, the mother that has to endure the world watching the loss of her child, or the children left behind to view the viral videos of their love ones trending on every social media outlet.

These videos have become a more exhilarating horror-movie-thrill for society and it makes me question if it is a natural curiosity or something far more sinister.

According to a study published by The University of Alabama McNair Journal, morbid curiosity is a big factor in the large interest in gruesomely violent images and videos.

The study also found that negative stories were more appealing than positive stories. We are drawn to the drama, and media is a prime suspect for blame, considering mottos like 'if it bleeds, it leads'. But it could only be feeding into an already established hu-

man interest.

The combination of desensitization from television and movies combined with normal morbid curiosity can be a toxic mixture. We are seeing the results of this combination with our daily scrolls of our social media timelines and internet searches.

It increases the carelessness for the privacy of grieving family members while giving individuals the sense they are empathizing with the persons in the video and their loved ones because their faces are covered with grimaces and bodies are overcome with the relief it was not them or someone they knew.

Breaks between TV show seasons too long, could lose viewers



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Shows are more than a mass production full of diverse characters in difficult situations. They are the highlights in our life and the uniting force between strangers. They are very much a part of us and our culture.

Lately though, it seems the shows I personally love won't be

coming back for a long time. This brought up old problems I have encountered before when trying to get into a series.

The hiatus or period between a set of regularly scheduled programs has always been a major factor into whether I continue watching a show or not.

My problem with hiatuses has more to do with how long they are rather than the hiatuses themselves.

I fully understand the production process takes a long time to develop the story and characters. Money is often times the main fac-

tor in why a show is delayed as well. I also know most people lose patience fast when the object of interest is out of sight especially in our "here and now" society.

When looking at hiatuses, take "Rick and Morty" as an example. According to Internet Movie Data Base, "Rick and Morty" is an animated series about Rick Sanchez, a super scientist, and his grandson Morty's adventures. It finished its third season Oct. 1.

When it comes back on air, a year and a half of my life will have passed. This thought terrifies me since I will at that point be

a senior, if their hiatus length remains the same as previous years. There is no doubt I will be a different person by this time, even if only a little.

Who's to say I will have the same humor then? My interests always seem to be changing as I develop a better sense of who I am and what I want to be. Knowing how often people change, I can't say for sure I'll love "Rick and Morty" as much as I do now.

Even if I still find myself enjoying the crazy antics of Rick and Morty, there will be many other fans who may no longer feel the

same connection they used to. I worry lengthy hiatuses will lead to a major loss of viewers. This goes for all series going through long periods of waiting.

Sometimes when shows have long hiatuses, it can lead people to wonder if it is even going to continue. For many fans, this is definitely a realistic fear we never want to see happen but has.

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With the construction phase complete, the Maryville Board Game Cafe opened to the public with a soft opening last weekend. The cafe will be open Thursday thru Sunday to the public.

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In terms of board games, Copeland said that the most popular games were the Logo Board Game, Mousetrap, Munchkin and the Bob Ross themed game The Art of Chill.

Copeland believes that the wide variety of games will be a big selling point for his new business. “With our game gurus being able to teach some new games, every time people come in, people can have a new experience,” Copeland said. “(People can) come in one time and play a silly game like Munch-

kin, and then another time, maybe go a little deeper into strategy, and the next time they come in, they can play the Bob Ross game The Art of Chill.” The official opening of the Board Game Cafe should be in the coming weeks. The only thing Copeland is waiting for is the final work on the plumbing and electrical work for his espresso machine.

“Once (the plumbing and electrical work is) done, I can get the health inspector in here and get the go-ahead on the coffee,” Copeland said. Copeland has future plans for the cafe too. He hopes to add a full service menu offering sandwiches. He also hopes to rent out more space to expand his operation. “We are hoping to add event

rooms where we can have birthday parties and team-building exercises,” Copeland said. For now, the focus is on getting operations going. “Right now (we are) just getting established and letting people know we are here,” Copeland said. The Board Game Cafe will be open this weekend starting Thursday, Nov. 30.



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Colden Hall will be closed until Monday due to bed bugs in many of the classrooms.

BED BUGS
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Junior De’Sean Robinson, who works in Colden Hall, said he believes the University should have been more upfront about the infestation with employees. “As an employee, I feel like something should have been said to me, but nothing has about the bed bugs problem, I have heard

nothing about it,” Robinson said. The press release said bed bugs do not harbor diseases and can easily be treated. “It is important to note that, although they are a nuisance, bed bugs do not transmit disease. Bed bugs are common in public spaces and these outbreaks are not correlated to cultural or socio-economic statuses. Northwest conducts monthly pest control treatments to

prevent the spread of bed bugs,” according to the press release. If it is believed you have been impacted by the infestation you should put all affected items in a trash bag and then empty the items from the trash bag directly into a dryer. The dryer should be run on high for 30 minutes and the trash bag should be sealed and thrown away outside.

Local blotters through Nov. 25

Maryville Public Safety

Nov. 8
A summons was issued to **Ryan Taryn**, 16, for possession of drug paraphernalia and failure to illuminate headlamps at the 100 block of West Seventh Street.

Nov. 9
A summons was issued to **Jacob Kiefer**, 21, from St. Joseph for affray at the 300 block of North Market Street. A summons was issued to **Nathaniel Atkins**, 22, from Savannah for affray at the 300 block of North Market Street.

A summons was issued to **Lincoln Jones**, 22, for affray at the 300 block of North Market Street.

Nov. 10
A summons was issued to **Mikayla Marcel**, 19, for driving while revoked and speeding at the 500 block of West Sixteenth Street.

Nov. 11
A summons was issued to **Vamsi Devalla**, 23, for driving while intoxicated and failure to register a motor vehicle at the 600 block of West Ninth Street.

Nov. 15
There is an ongoing investiga-

tion for the misuse of 911 at the 1200 block of West Sixteenth Street.

A summons was issued to **Morgan Sherman**, 20, for possession of marijuana

A summons was issued to **Tiera Kerr**, 19, for peace disturbance, failure to comply and resisting arrest at the 1200 block of West Sixteenth Street.

Nov. 16
There is an ongoing investigation for fraud at the 200 block of East Third Street. A wheelbarrow was recovered at the 100 block of North Main Street.

Nov. 17
A wallet was lost or stolen at the 500 block of West Second Street. A summons was issued to **Orin Hill**, 50 for not having a valid driver’s license and speeding.

Nov. 18
Various gift cards and IDs were recovered at the 400 block of North Buchanan Street.

A summons was issued to **James Henderson III**, 22, for not having a valid driver’s license and equipment violation at the 400 block of West Seventh Street.

A summons was issued to **Dawson Miller**, from Excelsior Springs for minor in possession at the 100 block of East Third Street.

Nov. 19
A summons was issued to **Gage O’Meara**, 18, from St. Joseph for minor in possession at the 100 block of South Buchanan Street.

A summons was issued to **Jordan Armstrong**, 23, from Creston Iowa for disorderly conduct at the 400 block of North Buchanan Street.

There is an ongoing investigation for burglary at the 1400 block of North Mulberry Street.

Nov. 22
There is an ongoing investigation for property damage at the 100 blocks of South Mulberry Street.

Nov. 23
A summons was issued to **Jacob Ellis**, 20, from Gentry for minor in possession at the 100 block of South Buchanan Street.

Nov. 25
There was a furnace fire at the 30000 block of U.S Highway 136.

NEUTRALITY
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“The small platforms that these students are using to generate content, don’t have a multi-million or multi-billion dollar company behind them buying into a fast lane,” Murphy said. “They very well may have all of their creative energy that they put out into the world, disappear underneath the search results of a company who wanted to pay more than they could.” If this passes, the enforcement of net neutrality will be left to the Federal Trade Commission. “I think this is one of those few instances where this will affect everyone in the United States,” Murphy said. “It will affect the digital society that we’re building right now. We’re definitely transitioning into a world that is running on an internet backbone. When we start to cripple that, it’s going to weaken some of the structures around it... Limiting access to that is going to harm everybody who needs to access it.” The FCC’s proposal was up for public comment April 27 to Aug. 30 and received around 22 million

comments. However, the accuracy of those comments are up for debate after data scientist Jeff Kao released a study revealing 1.3 million anti-net neutrality comments coming from a single source. Junior Brett Peters commented on the FCC’s website and believes the Internet needs to be fair. “The internet is the future,” Peters said. “All the media I consume is through the internet now. If stuff I like to watch or read gets throttled, then I can’t consume that media and I’m forced to consume other media.” Murphy said those concerned either way about net neutrality should reach out to make sure their voice is heard. “You can, although it may not make a lot of difference, it could not hurt to text your representatives in Washington D.C. Putting a little extra pressure on them cannot hurt the cause,” Murphy said. “In the same vein, some people have commented about contacting their own ISPs with their direct intention that if they limit their access, then they will drop them as a service provider under the hopes that those ISPs would listen to enough comment from their subscribers that it would affect them.”

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HOROSCOPES



ARIES – Mar 21/Apr 20
Aries, you might feel like you do not measure up to others this week. How others see you is completely different from your perception. Don’t be too hard on yourself.

TAURUS – Apr 21/May 21
Taurus, letting go is a hard lesson to learn this week. You may have to retire a plan that just can’t come to fruition. But don’t worry, new ideas are in the works.

GEMINI – May 22/Jun 21
Gemini, try not to hold onto negative emotions. Focus on all of the happy memories you have made with others and your mood will instantly brighten.

CANCER – Jun 22/Jul 22
Honesty is the best policy, Cancer. So have that frank conversation with someone even if full disclosure can be a bit uncomfortable. Afterward, you’ll be glad you did.

LEO – Jul 23/Aug 23
Don’t underestimate your abilities, Leo. You are imaginative and creative when the mood suits you, as it will this week. Look for your muse and get started.

VIRGO – Aug 24/Sept 22
Virgo, stay open to external influences and you may be able to infer some things about the future that can guide you in the days ahead. It’s good to stay ahead of the curve.

LIBRA – Sept 23/Oct 23
Libra, this is a good week to take stock of the people who mean the most to you. Express your feelings to these people and spend some time with them.

SCORPIO – Oct 24/Nov 22
A little dose of being naughty might do you some good this week, Scorpio. Call in sick from work and enjoy a day shopping or simply indulging in a little entertainment.

SAGITTARIUS – Nov 23/Dec 21
You have basic needs that have to be met, and a strong network of friends and coworkers can get you through any rough patch, Sagittarius.

CAPRICORN – Dec 22/Jan 20
Capricorn, although you can’t narrow it down just yet, something doesn’t feel right in your world. Keep investigating and trust your instincts.

AQUARIUS – Jan 21/Feb 18
Aquarius, you have reached a crossroads where everything you have dreamed and worked for has finally converged. This is the time to enjoy the fruits of all your labor.

PISCES – Feb 19/Mar 20
Pisces, rather than looking at the differences between you and someone else, look at the similarities. This is a great way to

DIVERSIONS

Paranormal Inactivity



COLIN VAUGHAN | NW MISSOURIAN

PET(S) OF THE WEEK

 **KANE AND BAILEY** 



KANE

Age: 3 months
Likes
Everything
Everyone
Big Brother Kane

Fluff-Factor: 8/10
Dislikes
Rules
Too Much Cuddling
Rules

Aspirations
Become Master of Tricks



BAILEY

Age: Forever Young
Likes
Cold Weather
Walking His Human
Being a Big Brother

Fluff-Factor: 9/10
Occupation
Part-Time Model
Full-Time President and CEO of Husky Fibers Of Love Distribution Co.



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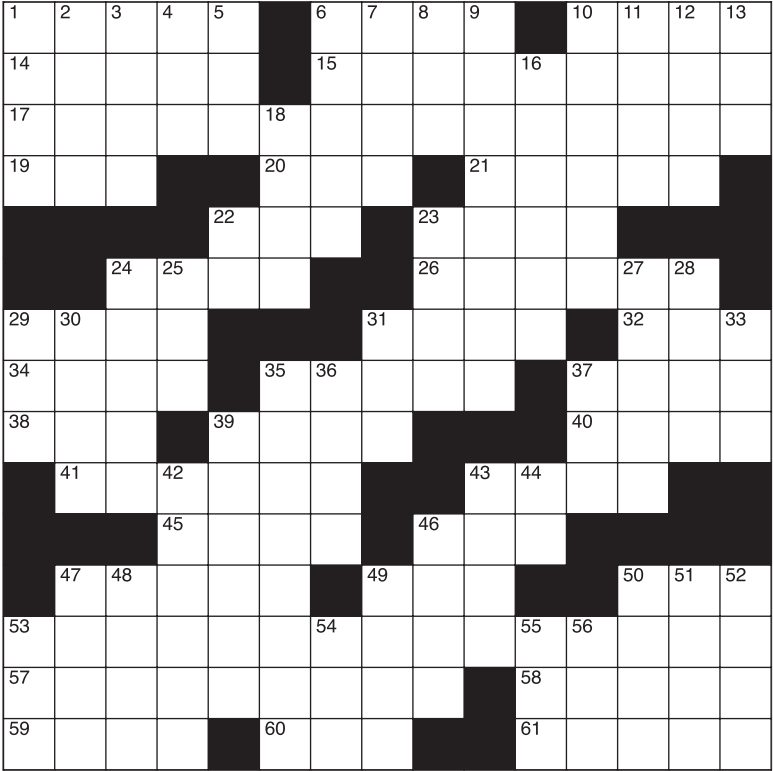
By MetroCreative

CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Emaciation
- 6. Exchequer
- 10. Sacs where fungi develop
- 14. First letter of the Hebrew alphabet
- 15. Unexplored waters
- 17. Berkeley athletes
- 19. Norse giantess
- 20. Crater on the moon
- 21. Resembles velvet
- 22. Pearl Jam’s debut album
- 23. Hair-like structure
- 24. Turfs
- 26. Put in advance
- 29. First son of Lot
- 31. Native American language
- 32. Furry family member
- 34. Vedic God of fire
- 35. Genie
- 37. German city
- 38. Acquire
- 39. Cambodia currency
- 40. A person from a Balkan republic
- 41. More simple
- 43. Bleats
- 45. “The other white meat”
- 46. ___ student: learns healing
- 47. 04492, town in Maine
- 49. Paddle
- 50. Airline once owned by Howard Hughes
- 53. Big 10 athlete
- 57. Inflammation of the intestine
- 58. Key’s comedic partner
- 59. Chamomile and black are two
- 60. Distress signal
- 61. Assn. for translators

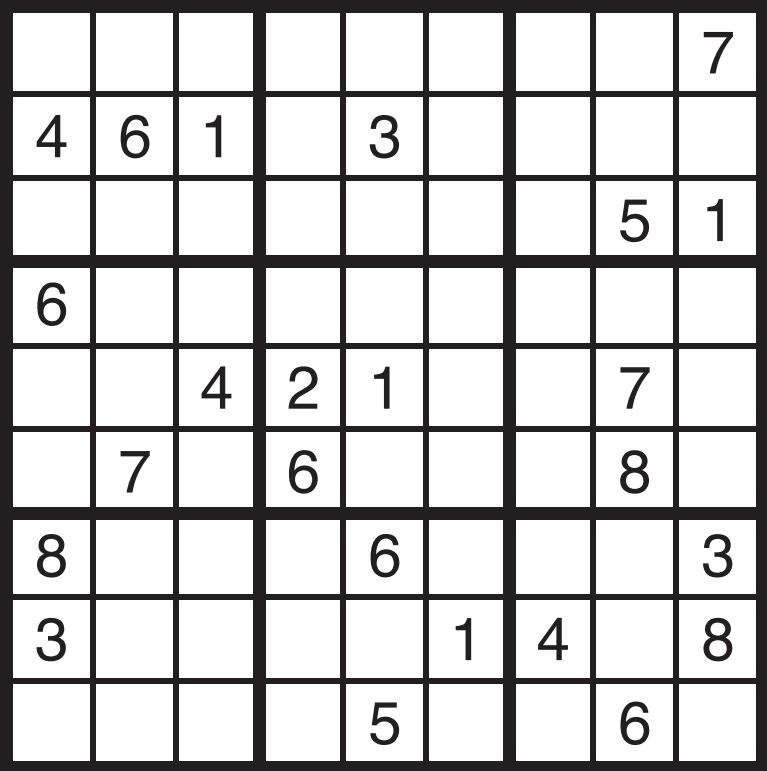
CLUES DOWN

- 1. Measures engine speed (abbr.)
- 2. Wings
- 3. Founded a phone company
- 4. Upon

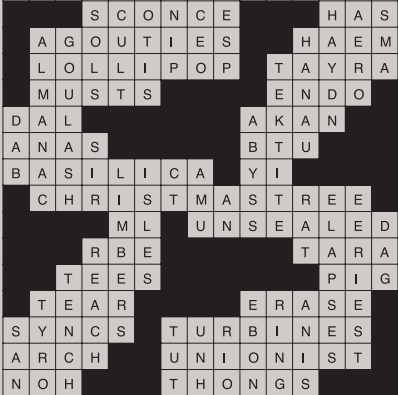
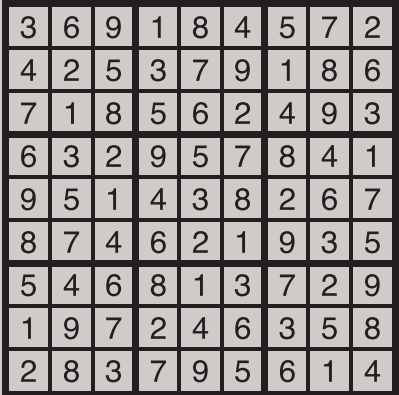


- 5. Superhigh frequency
 - 6. Colorless liquid
 - 7. Hostelrys
 - 8. ___ fi (slang)
 - 9. One who accompanies
 - 10. Where rockers play
 - 11. “___ the Man” Musial
 - 12. Waxy cover on some birds’ beaks
 - 13. Software that monitors for malicious activity (abbr.)
 - 16. Becomes less intense
 - 18. Lyric poems
 - 22. Touchdown
 - 23. From end to end
 - 24. ___ Claus
 - 25. Jedi Master Kenobi
 - 27. Fencing swords
 - 28. Famed child psychiatrist
 - 29. Gossip
 - 30. S-shaped lining
 - 31. ‘___ death do us part
- 33. Bar bill
 - 35. Placed over a vowel to indicate sound
 - 36. Steve Martin was one
 - 37. Low paid educator (abbr.)
 - 39. One who rampages
 - 42. Backbones
 - 43. “Friday Night Lights” director
 - 44. Anno Domini
 - 46. One-time Yankees sensation Kevin
 - 47. Fermented grape juice
 - 48. Peruvian province
 - 49. Former Braves outfielder Nixon
 - 50. Entertainment award
 - 51. Feeling good
 - 52. Greek god of war
 - 53. Famed NYC museum
 - 54. Of the ears
 - 55. Select
 - 56. Friend to the carrot

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LAST WEEK’S SOLUTIONS



Dressing up for change

Dressember to bring attention to human trafficking

MICHAEL CRIFE

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Dressember's webpage has a quote that reads, "Can a dress change the world?"

The growing campaign's goal is to find a definitive answer to this question. So far, feedback and the following from hundreds of thousands of participants points to one answer: yes.

Started in 2013, the Dressember foundation is a nonprofit organization (NPO) dedicated to raising awareness of the epidemic know as human trafficking. The NPO's CEO, Blythe Hill, says its efforts are to raise money and involve both men and women in fighting against what some may call modern day slavery.

Getting involved is simple and can be done in two fashions. Those willing to take the more popular approach will opt in by wearing a dress every day of December. Others, who may not have many dresses to wear or who may be a bit more warm-blooded, can still help out by donating to the cause.

All of the money donated goes toward rescue operations and other foundations built on ideas focused on ending the sex-trafficking atmosphere.

Pua Coffman, associate director of Student Ministry at St. John Church in Ellisville, Missouri, has been participating in Dressember for four years. She first learned about trafficking in college and decided to donate for a few years before actively dressing for December herself.

"Although this movement has largely been carried out by women, men are invited to join as well," Coffman said. "Men can wear bow ties or ties to be part of the movement. For those who identify as other genders, they can dress up however they'd like to. Even if you dress up once a day, posting about Dressember on your social media can encourage your friends to donate."

Dressember made sure early on to collaborate with organizations like the International Justice Mission (IJM), the world's leading anti-trafficking organization. The trend was officially in after taking off in 2013 with the help of the IJM. In 2016 alone, Dressember has managed to raise 1.5 million dollars toward their cause, and 2017 is shaping up to thread together even more donations.

One of the most frequent questions popping up in response to Dressember is "So why dresses?" It is a fair question to say the least. The site's biography page is quick to address these concerns with a



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Pua Coffman, associate director of Student Ministry at St. John Church in Ellisville, Missouri, has been participating in Dressember for the past four years by wearing a dress every day of December.

short couple of sentence detailing not only what dresses symbolize, but what the NPO wants them to eventually symbolize as well.

"The dress is our uniform, the flag of our movement," the site says. "Dressember is an opportunity to reclaim and reappropriate the dress as a symbol of freedom and power; a flag for the inherent dignity of all people."

Suddenly with this mindset, dresses and December seem to match each other perfectly. It is not about looking stylish, it is

about setting a trend.

Dressember has spread all the way across the country and for good reason. Their official site makes sure to list a couple of more than minor statistics below some of their uplifting quotes in order to illustrate just how deep the sex trafficking rabbit hole goes.

The more egregious stats reveal numbers like 30 million people enslaved worldwide and more than 2 million children being exploited in the sex trade. Sex trafficking spares no one, and it can hit anywhere.

Dressember aims to raise awareness so crowds can realize movies like 2009's "Taken" are more than just fun fiction action.

Dressember and the movement to put a permanent hold on the human trafficking trades has even managed to catch the eye of one Green Dot member here in Maryville.

Sylvia Brand, a senior Green Dot certified psychology major and RA in Millikan Hall, says the efforts made by Dressember have done more than caught her eye, they've caught her interest. She

says raising awareness about any kind of evil doings in the world is important, but Dressember manages to bring a little more physicality to the table.

"I first heard about it five years ago at camp," Brand said. "... This year I feel like I have enough dresses to participate and I plan on asking my mom about spreading the cause to her clients; she sells women's clothing. I think it would be really cool to see people stand up and fight against sexual exploitation by simply wearing a dress."

Brand seems to be beating the issue to the punch, as she is aware how sex trafficking is a menace capable of striking anywhere at any time.

Hill and her team have managed to garner this global attention and have even done a TEDx talk called "How a Dress can Change the World" covering their passions and goals.

"I decided to create a style challenge for myself. I decided I would try wearing a dress every day for a month, and I did it," Hill said during her TEDx presentation. "That next year something interesting happened. Some of my girlfriends approached me and wanted to do Dressember with me, so I did it again with them."

The interesting thing about Hill's story is not where it led her and thousands of others, but how it originated. Sex trafficking is a disease molded by an unawareness of its presents. Dressember is its opposite in every way, and it is on a sure fire path to being the cure of the unforgiving disease.

Erin Leatherman, a senior elementary education major, has never been involved with Dressember, but is interested nonetheless. She says standing up for others is something everyone should, especially when it concerns something like human-trafficking.

"A person should never be forced to do anything," Leatherman said. "Human trafficking defies all human rights. A person has natural born rights that do not include being abducted by another person for the purpose of labor or exploitation. A human is not an object. We are people with feelings and rights."

Dressember is still young, but it has managed to raise millions of dollars and has spread across the country to thousands. Human trafficking has become widespread enough and it is surprising it took this long for it to come to the forefront of public minds. Nevertheless, Dressember is making sure these bad trends are being put to rest with a little trend of its own.



ALEXIS GEISERT | PHOTO ILLUSTRATION

"The dress is our uniform, the flag of our movement. Dressember is an opportunity to reclaim and reappropriate the dress as a symbol of freedom and power; a flag for the inherent dignity of all people."



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Nearly 30 million people are enslaved worldwide and more than 2 million children are being exploited in the sex trade.



Senior Connor Raabe (left) and senior Court Jensen (right) reflect on a recent visit to Comic Con during Nerdmageddon. SUBMITTED

Nerd or not, Nerdmageddon continues to entertain listeners

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It's time for the nerd to be heard. And Nerdmageddon is for all those eager to listen.

Nerdmageddon is a KZLX 106.7 specialty show featuring Northwest students discussing all things nerdy, whether that be comic books, video games, anime, technology or movies.

The crew discusses any relevant development in the nerd world.

The crew is constantly watching the news to stay relevant on hot topics and new nerdy developments. They often cover subjects such as upcoming movies or video game releases. Recent topics include "Justice League," "Thor: Ragnarok" and "The Punisher."

If it's a slow week, they may go a different route, nostalgically discussing old stuff such as "Hey Arnold" or "The Rugrats" or sharing what they personally enjoy reading or watching.

No matter the topic, the show promises to provide an entertain-

ing, weekly dose of so-called "nerdspeak."

Senior host Joel Harmer described the show as "just a place for people to come, listen and (discuss) things a lot of people may not share an interest in."

"It's one of the few places in town where people can come and just listen to the things they care about in a relative and local area," Harmer said.

Harmer and the other members of the show, such as senior Connor Raabe, have no issue finding and discussing topics that appeal to their demographic.

"Most of the time we're free-wheeling it. It will be like five minutes before the show, and we'll be going 'Okay, what do we want to talk about today?'" Raabe said.

According to Harmer, the group is pretty knowledgeable, so it's easy for them to come and know what they're talking about right away.

The show is almost entirely improvisational because conversation comes so easily.

"It's really just hanging out with microphones in front of us," Raabe said. "These are some of my good friends and I don't know why, but with microphones in front of us it just releases the uber nerd and the quirky personalities in everyone."

The group has fun making the show and wants listeners to share in that.

"We just have a lot of fun when we're on air," Raabe said. "I think people really enjoy that; when people sound like they're genuine and sound like they're having fun, it's fun to listen to."

For students familiar with Northwest KNWT's "Nerd Central," Nerdmageddon is very similar. It has all that fun and all that geekiness rolled into a radio show. Being just audio, Nerdmageddon is the convenient, nerdy outlet for the nerd on the go.

The show airs Thursdays 8 to 10 p.m. It is available live, on the radio station's website, the TuneIn app, and has recently begun incorporating Facebook Live.

The Final Case

a short story by James Christensen

My name is Jake Wells and this could well be the end of me. I walk down the solemnly quiet streets of Cedar Valley, Nebraska toward the last house in the small rural town to look for someone. The closer I get, I think back to that fateful day, which was just yesterday, which kind of went like this.

"Excuse me?" a very quiet woman said, as she peeked around the old varnished office door. How did she get past my secretary? She quickly entered my office and took a seat right across from me. This young woman, about 20 years old, had long auburn hair that reminded me of the color of autumn leaves and blue eyes with the shine of the sea. She was wearing a blue gingham dress with a white collar. As I turned my full attention to her, I noticed that she had been crying, due to her runny mascara.

"Would you like my handkerchief?" I offered as I pulled it out of my suit pocket. As she dabbed her eyes, I was more anxious than a racehorse on race day to hear the new case. I had just finished a huge case and I was looking for a new adventure. When she was finished drying her eyes she took a deep breath and began her story.

"My name is Mackenzie Lake. I live in the small town of Cedar Valley, which is about twenty miles north from here. I need your help, Mr. Wells! My father has disappeared and I need your help to find him!" As she continued, I was excited with the idea of a new case to solve.

"You've got yourself the man," I said as I stood up from my desk and went to grab my trench coat and fedora. When I turned around I noticed a copy of the Lincoln Star Journal sitting on my desk. One of the headlines caught my attention: "20 people mysteriously vanish from small town!" As I read the article, it stated that people, from the local pig farmer to the county sheriff, had just vanished without a trace. This just made the case even more interesting to me. As I lead Mackenzie out of my office, I had a gut feeling that she was hiding something from me.

That night I had the strangest dream. People I did not know surrounded me and they told me to stay away from Cedar Valley or I would pay the consequences.

The next day I woke up early to catch the train to Cedar Valley to do a little bit of investigating into all of the strange disappearances. When I got off of the train, the general feeling of the town was like an old ghost town that had been abandoned long ago. As I walked up the street, I did not see anyone, not even a stray cat in one of the alleys. I walked into the nearest store and found nothing but dust that was at least an eighth of an inch thick. I proceeded to check the rest of the stores on the main street and all I found was more dust and lots of cobwebs. This is a continuation of a piece we ran last year, The Final Case

"Where is everyone? Is anyone here? Come out, come out wherever you are!" I yelled all over the town until I didn't have much of a voice left. As I kept walking I found a house with the front door wide open.

I pulled my Colt M1911 out of my shoulder holster then proceeded with extreme caution into the nice looking farmhouse. The walls were covered with pictures of smiling families that dated back at least fifty years. The dining room table looked like it had been set for dinner and nobody came to eat it; all of the food was there covered in wild growing green mold. The house seemed empty until I heard a voice that I recognized.

"HELP!!!!!!!!!!!!!!" screamed Mackenzie. I knew I had to find her and make sure she was safe. I ran up the stairs towards her voice, but she stopped screaming. I started to think the worst when I saw a shadow at the end of the hallway. Creeping my way down the hallway and trying not to step on a creaking floorboard, because I didn't want to give myself away.

I turned into the bedroom to find it empty with the exception of a De-Iver mirror on the wall and a giant pile of shoes. The shoes, ranged in styles from the last fifty years or so. I then found Mackenzie all tied up in the corner of the room. I rushed over to untie her and when I freed her, she gave me a giant hug.

"My hero!!!" giggled Mackenzie as she turned to leave she just kept staring at me. When I turned to look at the shoes I heard the door slam and I saw Mackenzie just standing there. Only problem was that this was not Mackenzie. While it looked like her, this person was covered in a shroud of black that was darker than night.

"Mackenzie what is wrong?" I ask as I walk towards her with concern. She didn't say anything and just kept staring at me. As I looked at her, I noticed something had changed in her eyes. The eyes I had noticed from our first meeting were no longer blue; they were red like fresh flowing blood. As I turned around I caught a glimpse of myself in the DeIver mirror, all I could see was the dark brown of my hair and vibrant green eyes that I had always been told looked like a chameleon. As I took in the full reflection of myself, Mackenzie started to laugh behind me.

"Thank you for looking into my mirror now I can keep you with me forever!" Mackenzie said with a very deep demonic voice. I then started to feel faint and as I started to fall down, I hit my head on the DeIver mirror. It came crashing to the ground and shattered. When I looked up Mackenzie was starting to shake more than a tree during a windstorm. Then the house started to shake like a baby's rattle. I watched in complete horror as she started to disperse. I could not think of a way to describe the terror in Mackenzie's eyes as she started to fade.

"NO!!!" screamed Mackenzie as she disappeared from reality. I looked around and I realized that it was finally over. As I got up I grabbed my gun and put it back in my holster, then I left Cedar Valley without any hesitation, never to return again. A few weeks later I was perusing the Lincoln Star Journal and found a new story, "Local town is back in business!!!!" It seems that when I destroyed the mirror all of the victims were freed from wherever they were. As I put the paper down I had a new adventure walking in the door.

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Dual Threat

Junior Spoofhound makes jump from gridiron to hardwood

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For this week's Athlete of the Week The Missourian has selected a dynamic running back and standout basketball forward, junior Eli Dowis.

Dowis led the Maryville football team to a Missouri Class 3 State Championship victory Nov. 25. The Spoofhounds defeated the Mt. Vernon Mountaineers 47-9 to claim the state title for the third time since 2012.

Dowis led the charge with three touchdowns and a total of 140 yards rushing on 11 attempts. He also contributed 24 yards receiving, a team-high for the game.

Dowis said ending the season with a great game and a great win was by far the best part about the year.

"My favorite part about the entire football season, for sure, was after the state game just getting to hold up the plaque and share that victory with our team and fans," Dowis said.

Overall this season, Dowis averaged 103.4 yards rushing and 11.5 yards receiving per game. Dowis'

best rushing game came in the last second victory over St. Joseph Lafayette, where he ran for a total of 231 yards and two touchdowns.

As for his motivation on the field, and on the court, Dowis said it's all about giving back to the town and the people that continually encourage him.

"I do it all for the 'M' on the front of my jersey," Dowis said. "We've got great fan support and great community support, so we are just doing it for them, doing for our family and doing it for each other."

With the football season ending with a championship title,

Dowis and several other football players now turn their attention to the basketball court.

Dowis said making the transition from football to basketball is simple because he loves both sports and always looks forward to the start of each season.

"It's actually a pretty easy switch because we're excited to get to go to basketball practice," Dowis said. "I just always say my favorite sport is whichever one is in season, and right now that's basketball."

Maryville boys basketball coach Matt Stoecklein said that Dowis plays a pivotal role on the team both as an athlete and as a

role model.

"He has grown so much from a little kid who got upset a little too easy sometimes, to a young man who's taking on more responsibility and growing into a leadership role," Stoecklein said. "He has really just grown up a lot over the years."

Dowis played in all 29 games last season and ended the year with a shooting percentage of 52.8 percent. He also tied for most defensive rebounds with former Spoofhound Jackson Golightly with 135 each. Dowis ended last year with a total 48 steals, 36 blocks and 48 offensive rebounds, putting him in second place in each of these categories for Maryville.

Stoecklein said over the last three seasons he has seen Dowis improve in several key aspects of the game, especially on the defensive side of the ball.

"I think his desire to win has really grown, and he plays better defense, because he is the guy that will go guard the person who just scored twelve points and take on that challenge," Stoecklein said.

Dowis said that he is extremely proud of how his teammates and coaches worked on the football season, but now it's time for everyone to turn their attention to the basketball court.

"We had a great team and a great group of seniors, but football season's over so now it's time to focus on basketball," Dowis said. "We had a great end to a great season, but now I am just really excited and ready to get out on the court and start playing."

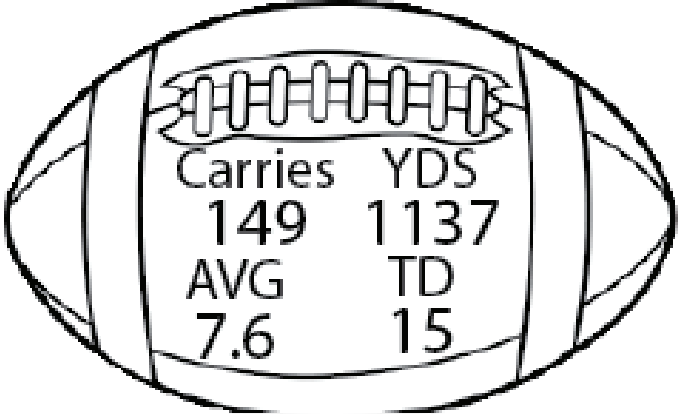


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Junior Eli Dowis averaged a 52.8 shooting percentage for Maryville basketball last season. He is slated to sit out the first two weeks of the 2017-2018 season.



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Junior Eli Dowis averaged 7.6 yards for carry through Maryville's 2017 Class 3 state championship season.

Eli Dowis Rushing Statistics



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Sophomore Tate Oglesby looks to pass the ball in Maryville's opening 42-35 victory over Savannah Nov. 28 during the Savannah Invitational.

Spoofhounds grind out season opener

JAMES HOWEY
Chief Reporter | @How_eyseesit

Maryville boys basketball started the season with a bit of slow offensive performance, but showed its toughness to seize a 42-35 win over Savannah Nov. 28 at the Savannah Invitational.



Both teams began the game sloppy with the Spoofhounds (1-0) going on a 5-0 run to lead 7-6 after the first quarter. A bucket early in the second quarter gave the Savages (0-1) an 8-7 lead, but would be the last advantage they had in the game. Maryville held off Savannah the rest of the night with pestering defense that led to its win.

Coach Matt Stoecklein said defense would be his team's bread and butter this season.

"That's what we focus on, we talk about it and drill it," Stoecklein said. "We added shell defense this year because our defense is something we think we can win games off of this year."

The Spoofhounds are dealing with four players who are just joining the team after finishing the end of football season. The team

has only had one practice with their full team together and even had senior Jalen Sundell and junior Eli Dowis unavailable for the game. Stoecklein praised the gritty performance of his team.

"The fight of that team was phenomenal," Stoecklein said. "We didn't shoot the ball very well and we told them that might happen but they just fought for every possession."

Sophomore Tate Oglesby led the team in scoring with 18 points on the night and was present defensively throughout. Oglesby said the team's early errors showed despite the win.

"We're rusty obviously with coming after just one practice as a team," Oglesby said. "It's tough to get our bond together right off the bat, but for the first game it wasn't bad and we have a lot to improve on."

Oglesby also gave credit to team defense being the reason he was able to stand out Maryville's first game.

"It helped a lot with my teammates because they did their job and lucky enough I was the one that was able to get open shots,"

NEXT GAME

Maryville vs Savannah @ Savannah Tournament
Nov. 30 @ 4 p.m.

Oglesby said. "Switching up our defense into a zone helped us a lot with getting our hands into the passing lane and leading to transition buckets."

The Spoofhounds will now play against Platte County Nov. 30 at 4:00 p.m. Stoecklein said the Pirates (1-0) would prove to be a tougher challenge for his team. Platte County won its first game of the season defeating the Savages 80-55.

"They got size so they will be taller and they will be quicker than Savannah," Stoecklein said. "We get Jalen Thursday, so that will help and this game got us a little bit more prepared and experienced."

Stoecklein also said the team would most likely be without Dowis four a couple of weeks.

"He could play, but it would be better to take the time and rest," Stoecklein said.

Sundell leads way to first girls basketball victory of year

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The Maryville girls basketball team squeaked out a closely contested game 38-30 in their opening round matchup in the Savannah Invitational Tournament.



The Spoofhounds got the win over St. Joseph Central Indians' junior varsity squad.

Maryville (1-1) struggled to find consistency in the first quarter of play versus the 2-3 zone of the Indians, but ended up outscoring Central 12-8 after the end of the first quarter.

Central worked its way back

to knot the game up at 12 midway through the second. A questionable foul call late in the period kept freshman point guard Serena Sundell out until halftime. The Spoofhounds struggled to find a groove on offense after that point.

Coach Quentin Albrecht explained the foul situation is a problem that affects the whole team.

"We only run about seven or

NEXT GAME

Maryville vs Staley @ Savannah Tournament
Nov. 30 @ 5:30 p.m.



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Freshman point guard Serena Sundell searches for openings through Central's defense during the Spoofhounds' 38-30 win over the Indians Nov. 28 during the Savannah Invitational.

eight girls," Albrecht said. "If any of our girls get into any type of trouble, then it's trouble for everyone."

Maryville trailed the Indians 17-14 at the midway point. Sundell had eight of the first half points for the Spoofhounds.

"I have to be aggressive," Sundell said. "I can't just stop being aggressive, I also have to play smart too."

A flurry of points came Maryville's way at the beginning of the third quarter helping them take the lead and eventually ending the period up three on the Indians.

Maryville took a 10-point lead late in the fourth off a Sundell steal and score following her three-pointer. Fouling and quick offence from

Central led to the final score.

"Really I think it was a tale of two halves," Albrecht said. "In the first half we didn't really come out with very much intensity, we didn't have very good ball pressure defensively and not defending one pass away. Just things we talk about all the time. In the second half, I feel like we did a lot better with that."

Sundell finished with 22 points and created a multitude of scoring opportunities for herself on the defensive side of the ball as well.

"I don't know if she picked up another foul the whole night," Albrecht said. "She still played tremendous defensive pressure and denied the pass away, so she really

used her head"

With only the second game in the books, Sundell explained the chemistry of the team has grown from what it was.

"It's getting a lot better," said Sundell. "We are starting to get along well and know where we are going to be at, knowing where the cuts are going to be, seeing the pass before it's even there."

"We know it's going to be a really tough game," Albrecht said. "They're a 5-A school that is a quality team and is coached very well, so we are just going to have to come out with our A-game. We have to start stronger than we started tonight (Nov. 28.)"

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Central Oklahoma.....	5-1	0-0
Lindenwood.....	4-1	0-0
Pittsburg State.....	5-2	0-0
Fort Hays State.....	4-2	0-0
Emporia State.....	4-3	0-0
Lincoln.....	3-3	0-0
Northeastern St.....	3-3	0-0
Southwest Baptist.....	3-3	0-0
Washburn.....	3-3	0-0
Missouri Southern.....	2-3	0-0
Nebraska Kearney.....	2-5	0-0
Missouri Western.....	2-5	0-0

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	Overall	Points
NORTHWEST.....	6-0	398
Queens (N.C.).....	5-0	376
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Lincoln Memorial (Tenn).....	5-0	354
Ferris State (Mich).....	8-0	338
Colorado School of Mines....	6-0	302
West Liberty (W. Va).....	5-0	282
West Texas A&M.....	6-0	277
Wheeling Jesuit (W. Va).....	5-0	252
Christian Brothers (Tenn).....	5-0	239
Barry (Fla.).....	4-1	230
Benedict (S.C).....	7-0	222
Western Oregon.....	6-0	216
California Baptist.....	6-1	187

NW WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

MIAA STANDINGS

	Overall	MIAA
Central Oklahoma.....	5-0	0-0
Fort Hays State.....	5-0	0-0
Lindenwood.....	5-0	0-0
Nebraska Kearney.....	6-0	0-0
Pittsburg State.....	6-0	0-0
Southwest Baptist.....	6-1	0-0
Washburn.....	6-1	0-0
Missouri Western.....	5-1	0-0
Central Missouri.....	4-1	0-0
Emporia State.....	3-2	0-0
Northeastern State.....	3-2	0-0
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MHS BASKETBALL

Regular Season Update

Boy (1-0)

Next: Maryville vs Platte County at Savannah High School
Nov. 30 4 p.m.

Girls (1-1)

Next: Maryville girls vs Staley at Staley High School
Nov. 30 5:30 p.m.

DII’s best soaks in high expectations

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A little more than seven months ago, Northwest basketball captured the program’s first national title. The Bearcats fought hard and finally reached the summit of Division II basketball.

Since, coach Ben McCollum and the team could take a breath of relief and celebrate.

Today, the Bearcats sit as the No. 1 team in the conference and in the country.

A little more than a month into the season with a tidy 6-0 record, the feeling of reaching the top of a mountain has suddenly turned into an expectation.

“It doesn’t bother me,” McCollum said. “I like pressure, and I’ve always enjoyed it. I’ve told our kids and I’ve said it a million times, if you didn’t want to be first place...then you shouldn’t have chosen Northwest.”

Since the season has begun, Northwest has won five of its first six games by double digits.

The Bearcats are also shooting a remarkable 45 percent from three-point land.

This is good enough for the sixth best percentage in Division II basketball.

If that doesn’t cause other teams problems, Northwest’s 52 percent field goal percentage should. That’s good for top-15 in the country.

Not only is Northwest extremely efficient, but it is doing so with the biggest bullseye on its



Senior Chris-Ebou Ndow powers past Upper Iowa’s freshman guard Jareese Williams during a Bearcats 89-65 win Nov. 10.

DYLAN COLDSMITH | NW MISSOURIAN

backs as well.

“You watch teams that play us and then you watch their next game, it’s amazing the difference,” McCollum said. “You’re just going to take everyone’s best shot and that’s a good thing because it will only make you better.”

As conference play begins, the Bearcats don’t take a different mindset. The team simply cranks up the heat. After all, the MIAA is no stranger to the Bearcats damage

in previous years.

“I don’t necessarily think that conference is totally different outside of the fact that we’ve won it for four straight seasons,” McCollum said. “It’s a different level of intensity and our older kids understand that hopefully we’ll have a little bit higher level of energy.”

Last year, Northwest relied heavily on scrappy defensive play. Though defense is still a centerpiece to McCollum’s formula of

success, the play on the court seems to be looking slightly different.

This season, scoring hasn’t been a problem whatsoever and sometimes the only conflict is not when the Bearcats will score, but who will score.

Senior Justin Pitts is back to his old tricks repping a ridiculous 57 percent field goal percentage, while averaging 22.5 points per game and 5 assists per game.

The guard is paired with

Stavanger, Norway native, Chris-Ebou Ndow. The senior is one of the most athletic forwards in Division II and like every other player on the team, has an extremely high basketball IQ.

“We don’t accept being average,” Ndow said. “We want to take a step and be better than we were last year.”

Along with 3-point specialist’s junior Joey Witthus and sophomore Ryan Welty, scoring from deep has been a constant. Coupled with forward Brett Doughty and this year’s early spark off the bench, senior Xavier Kurth, the road to staying near the top makes life much easier.

“We look back at last year and we accomplished everything possible...but coming back this year, we want to keep that hunger and not be content,” Ndow said.

Bearcat basketball went from maybe title contender to the best team in Division II over a span of five years. Now McCollum is faced with the hardest challenge. Can they sustain?

“I think so,” McCollum said. “I think your culture and your process start to slip a lot sooner than your ranking. You have to be careful and make sure your process stays where it was or gets better as to when you get there.”

Right now, the Northwest men are closely positioned atop the of the Division II world. Only time will tell if the Bearcats can remain the hunters, opposed to being the hunted.

SPORTS BRIEF

Junior guard departs women’s basketball program

Arbrie “Deuce” Benson has parted ways with the Bearcat women’s basketball team. The junior guard last appeared in a loss to Maryville University Nov. 20.

Benson scored eight points and recorded three assists while logging only 15 minutes in the

game.

The junior has played for the Bearcats for three seasons, and her departure came as a surprise to most.

“She (Benson) decided to leave the program on her own,” coach Buck Scheel said. “That was all her decision. That’s

pretty much all I got.”

Benson had been a solid fixture in the Bearcat’s rotation all season long, scoring in double digits in three of the five games she played in, including a 17-point outburst on Nov. 11 versus Henderson State.

Northwest women still searching for answers

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The season has started slow and things continue to get worse for the Northwest women’s basketball team.

The Bearcats dropped two games over the weekend to fall to 1-5 on the season.

Northwest fell to Rockhurst University 47-62 Nov. 24. A forgetful start saw the Bearcats tie their season-low for points in a quarter with six and faced a 12-6 deficit heading into the second. They finished the game shooting 40.7 percent from the field.



The second game of the weekend showed improvement. The Bearcats faced off with the University of Saint Mary Nov. 25. The team battled, but the game was tied at half 35 all. In the third quarter, Northwest’s wheels become unhinged as the Bearcats fell 81-74.

Coach Buck Scheel said he saw signs of improvements with the young and inexperienced group.

“Just going through those early season growing pains with a lot of new faces,” Scheel said. “We’re showing signs at times and we just have to get a lot more consistent with that.”

Senior Tanya Meyer and freshman Jaelyn Haggard combined to

score 48 of the 74 points for the Bearcats. Meyer put in 29 and Haggard added 19.

The new pieces coming to the Bearcats this season have taken time to fit together and the loss to Saint Mary show promise of a fit.

“Saturday, we competed much better than we had so far this year,” Scheel said. “Our young and new kids are really starting to figure out what it takes to stay consistent.”

Meyer’s 29 points were a product of the aggressive play from the Bearcats as they tallied 14 offensive rebounds.

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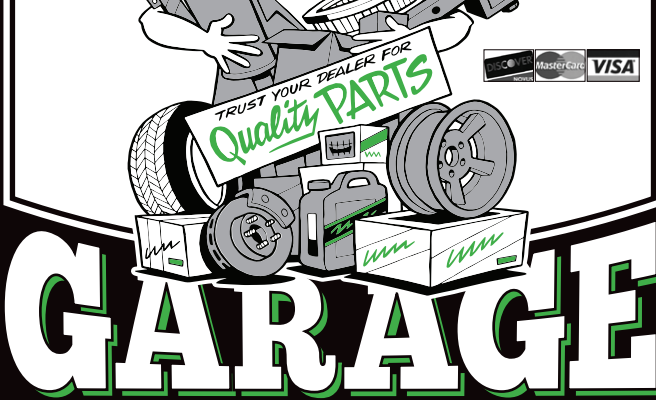
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Maryville football hoist its MSHSAA Class 3 Show-Me-Bowl championship trophy following a 47-9 victory over Mt. Vernon at Faurot Field in Columbia Nov. 25. It was Maryville's fifth championship

‘Down Year’

Maryville silences doubters on run to Class 3 state title

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There is nothing in the MSHSAA rulebook that says you have to be undefeated to be a state champion.



That's the message Maryville football coach Matt Webb had ahead of the 2017 postseason. A month and a half later, the statement is a reality. "I couldn't love a group of guys more," Webb said. "These guys earned it. They came together through the season and became a tight-knit team where they said 'we aren't going to lose.'"

The Spoofhounds (13-2) fought their way to the program's fifth state title in a 47-9 victory over Mt. Vernon (10-5) at Faurot Field Nov. 25.

It is the third since Webb took helm of the program in 2012. "It didn't matter if we won by one point or whatever the final score was," Webb said. "We just wanted to get away with a win and play four quarters of great football."

Entering the season down 22 seniors from 2016, nobody knew what to expect.

Through the first two weeks, the tradition stuck. Then Chillicothe week arrived. The Hornets (10-2) stung Maryville 24-0.

It marked the Spoofhounds' first regular season loss since Oct. 7, 2011, one season before the Webb era began.

"We talked a lot on how you respond to adversity," Webb said. "You use football and sport as

a life lesson and realize in life you're not going to get knocked down and it's how you respond."

The tradition revived in the next three games, outscoring Bishop LeBlond (2-8), Cameron (0-10), and St. Joseph Benton (2-8) 164-13.

Webb introduced the 'juice box' to the sideline during this time. It served as a way to celebrate touchdowns and takeaways.

The juice box also incorporated freshman manager Kendall Harkrider into the mix. He held the juice box in the air as athletes who made the big plays dunked the ball into the bucket.

It formed one of the many examples of brotherhood which stuck throughout the season.

"We thought we were going to start coming up and play as a team," senior Jacob Reuter said. "Then we lost to Smithville."

The 14-3 week seven loss to the Warriors (9-2) left another obstacle for the Spoofhounds to surge behind.

The following week, Maryville trailed Savannah (3-7) by three points at halftime. Two touchdown rushes by juniors Eli Dowis and Tyler Houchin turned things around, securing a 14-3 victory.

"We knew we had to get ourselves together and become a team," Reuter said.

The Spoofhounds faced St. Joseph Lafayette (9-3) to cap off the regular season. A Fighting Irish win would have secured their share of the Midland Empire Conference.



Maryville had other plans, earning the program's 50th straight victory at the Hound Pound outscoring St. Joseph Lafayette 14-12. The streak dates back to Oct. 15, 2010.

"To be able to realize that our goals were still ahead of us and go win state was something that we rallied behind," Webb said.

The momentum never stopped there as the Spoofhounds advanced through the first two rounds setting up a rematch with Chillicothe in the Class 3 District 8 Championship.

Trailing 12-0 early on the road, Maryville looked for a spark. The team united together, scoring 20 unanswered points securing the program's sixth consecutive district title.

"As soon as we started the

playoffs, we knew it (the team's energy) wasn't going to change," Reuter said.

Victories over Center (10-3) and Blair Oaks (13-1) pushed the Spoofhounds into the Show-Me-Bowl.

Maryville ran away from Mt. Vernon early, scoring on five of its first six drives. Just as the Spoofhounds traditionally do, 372 of the team's 402 yards were put up on the ground.

Dowis led the group with 135 yards. He had over 120 yards at the end of the first quarter. Houchin was not too far behind him, racking up 124 yards.

"We like to run the ball in Maryville," Webb said. It's one of those things where these guys growing up as kids learned to run

the ball in youth league.

Maryville graduates 12 members of the championship team in May. The Class of 2018 includes Brady Atwell, Reece Bickford, Tracer Cordell, Michael Immel, Garrett Pistole, Reuter, Jackson Sanders, Jacob Search, Jalen Sundell, Quentin Ternus, Mark Zahnd and Will Walker.

Webb added each member of his team should enjoy the moment of winning a state championship without making it the biggest moment of their lives.

"There are a lot of big things in life that are going to be presented to you," Webb said. "How you approach them and attack them are lessons you can learn from this moment and this big stage right here."



Maryville produced 407 yards of total offense in the match-up. Approximately 168 yards were put up on the ground and scored three touchdowns.